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RUSSIANS UNDER JOUBERT.

Thousands According to Gen.
Gourke, a Russian Officer.

He Goes to Take Command of a Boer
Army Corps—Report That Matt Steyn,
Brother of Free State President, and
800 Free Staters Have Quit the War—
British Casualties to Date—Gen.
White Has Fever.

London, Dec. 30.—(5 a.m.)—The
latest special despatches from this
country hint at some important
movement as imminent. This is in-
terpreted to mean that Gen. Buller
contemplates a renewal of his at-
tempt to relieve Ladysmith. It is re-
ported by the same despatches that
the Boers have now retired to the
north bank of the Tugela, being
afraid that the swollen river may
hasten their retreat. They are also
moving their laagers near Ladysmith,
probably with the intention of put-
ting further pressure on the garrison.
It now seems to be suffering
pretty heavily from the bombard-
ment.

Disquieting Intimations.
London, Dec. 30.—Lord Rosebery
writes as follows this morning to
The Times: "There are disquieting
intimations which appear to point to
our Government having treated food
stuffs as contraband of war. As this
is a matter of supreme importance,
I venture to address this line to you
in the hope that it may elicit an
authoritative statement on the sub-
ject."

The Times, commenting editorially
upon Lord Rosebery's letter, says:
"Too little is known of the seizure
for any valid inference safely to be
drawn. An occasion might arise
when certain food stuffs would be
regarded as contraband, while others
would not, especially if the latter
were intended for non-combatants.
There might, for instance, be reason-
able grounds for treating canned
goods as contraband, and flour as
legitimate."

After admitting that it would be
unadvisable to "create a precedent"
which some day might be invoked
against us, the article concludes as
follows: "While we fully share the
view that no serious change of policy
should occur without cogent reasons
and ample considerations, we cannot
but ask ourselves whether, in the
event of Great Britain being engaged
in a war, the action, either of the
enemy or even of neutral powers,
in a matter upon which such
divergence of opinion still exists, is
likely to be governed by the de-
sire to do us any harm, or may be
set in the past, rather than by the
immediate interests of the moment."

RUSSIANS AID BOERS.

A Russian Says Thousands of His Com-
rades Are With Joubert.

London, Dec. 30.—The Marcellus
correspondent of the London Daily
Mail, telegraphing from the Russian
General, eldest son of the famous
Gourke, who is now about the
Boers, says the Russian officer
made the following statement: "I
have been offered the command of a
Boer army corps. In my mind I am
absolutely confident of the success of
the Boers. You may take my word
for it, that thousands of Russians are
now fighting under Gen. Joubert."

Boers Report of Shirmishes.
Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26, by way
of Lorenzo Marques, Thursday, Dec.
28.—Commandant Swart reports
from the laager at Alwyns Kop
(near Zorust), that he had an en-
gagement on Friday, Dec. 22, with
Kaffirs in the neighborhood of Ber-
derpoort. The Kaffirs occupied a
strongly fortified ridge, and were
well prepared for emergency. After
heavy fighting the burghers captured
the Kaffir position, losing three killed
and five wounded.

Making Garrison Made an Attack.
Commandant Sayman reports as
follows from Molepo: "On Monday
morning the enemy made an attack
on one of our forts in force,
with cannons, Maxim and an ar-
mored train, and so persistently that
there was fighting right on the walls
of the fort. But we have retained
our fort. The British loss is reported
as 45."

The other commanders report: "All
quiet," with the exception of the
usual bombardment of Ladysmith.
Gen. White Has Fever.
Ladysmith, Sunday, Dec. 24, via
Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 26, by way
of Lorenzo Marques, Thursday, Dec.
28.—A slight attack of fever, but
he is now convalescent. The Boer
shell fire has been very damaging
recently. On Friday one shell killed
six men and wounded nine. The same
missile killed fourteen horses. An-
other shell missed the 5th. Lord's
line, slightly wounding six officers.
Several shells have fallen close to
General White's house, compelling the
removal of headquarters to another
point.

It is reported that Gen. Joubert
is again in command of the Boers
here. The military authorities ap-
pear confident, but they are very
reluctant.

GATACRE FIGHTING.

Result is that the Road to Indwe Col-
lery is Now Open.

Cape Town, Dec. 28.—A despatch
from Oradock reports heavy firing
in the direction of Stormberg. It
is supposed this is connected with Gen.
Gatacre's attempt to re-open com-
munication with the Indwe collery.

The Result Delayed.
London, Dec. 30.—The War Office
has received this despatch:
"Cape Town, Thursday, Dec. 28.—
The Indwe collery line is now work-
ing again."

A despatch received by the War
Department, dated Cape Town,
Thursday, Dec. 28, says there is no
action in the direction of the Indwe
collery. The Boers and French are con-
cerned.

FREE STATERS QUIT.

President Steyn's Brother and 800 of His
Men Decline to Fight.

London, Dec. 30.—Advices from
Cape Town, dated Dec. 24, say an in-
vestigation shows that the reported
disaffection among the Dutch in the
Victoria West District has been over-
drawn. The farmers, it is pointed
out, are mostly land owners, and
will not risk the loss of their farms
by rising.

Have Free Staters Quit?

A despatch from Lorenzo Marques,
dated Dec. 23, says a curious story
is current, emanating from Boer
sources, that Matt Steyn, brother of
the President of the Orange Free
State, and 800 Free Staters, have
definitely refused to continue the war.
Matt Steyn, acting as spokesman of
the party, is reported to have told
the President that he was only au-
thorized to intervene in the interest
of peace, and that the burghers did
not feel that they were bound by
his "unwavering conduct," espe-
cially as they ran the risk of the con-
fiscation of their property, and they
simply desired to be permitted to
farm in peace, and proposed to im-
mediately return to their farms.

Committee to Help.
London, Dec. 30.—The War Office
revised list of British casualties is as
follows:
Officers killed 68, wounded 258,
missing 58.
Men killed 886, wounded 3,266,
missing 2,253.
Total 6,799.

Boers Getting Aggressive.
London, Dec. 30.—The Times pub-
lishes the following despatch dated
Thursday, Dec. 24: "Parties of Boers
approached to-day within
three miles of Chieveley Camp,
threatening our water parties, who
are compelled to go some two miles,
owing to the scarcity of water. It
is reported that the Ladysmith garri-
son made a sortie on Thursday and
captured a hill."

BOER TRAINS TO COLENSO.

They Have Built a Connection Around
Ladysmith.

Pretoria, Monday, Dec. 25.—Gen.
Schalk Burger reports, under date of
Dec. 23, that trains are now running
to Coleenso, indicating that the Boers
have built a connection around Ladys-
smith. General Cronje reports from
the Modder River, Dec. 24, that the
Boers captured two British forts at
Kuruman, Dec. 17. It is rumored
that General Methuen's big naval
gun has exploded.

30 Killed, 236 Wounded.
Pretoria, Tuesday, Dec. 27.—A
despatch from Ladysmith, dated Dec.
25, says, The Boers have mounted
another howitzer on Surprise Hill,
replacing the gun captured in the sor-
tie of the Rifle Brigade. While they
watch us nightly with a searchlight
and bombard the place daily, they
show no signs of assaulting the town.
They probably think they can starve
us out, but we have plenty of provi-
sions.

The total casualties since the siege
are 70 men killed and 236 wounded.
Bombarding Mafeking.
London, Dec. 30.—A War Office
despatch from Col. Cunningham-Powell,
dated Dec. 12, after announcing that
Ladysmith had arrived safe and
well at Mafeking, adds that the
bombardment and musketry fire con-
tinues daily on all sides, and that
the health and spirits of the garri-
son are very satisfactory.

A TERRIBLE BLIZZARD.

Four Feet of Snow on the Level in North-
western Pennsylvania.

Gorry, Pa., Dec. 30.—A terrible
blizzard, the worst in the history of
Pennsylvania for the past 24 hours and
still continues. About 18 inches of
snow has fallen, and with that already on
the ground, makes the depth on the
level four feet. Many villages are
cut off from the outside world. All
the roads leading into the city are
blocked, the stages which carry the
mail, the Western Express and the
through trains between Pittsburgh and
Buffalo were hours behind time. The
 Erie and the Pennsylvania lines are
a little better, although all the trains
are late. On all roads huge snow-
ploughs are running, but fail to keep
the tracks clear.

FRENCH COAST DEFENCES.

Government to Provide for an Increase
of the Fleet.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Government
will submit to the Chamber of Deputies
at the beginning of January a bill
providing for the defence of the
French coasts and colonies, and to
increase the strength of the fleet.
This does not involve an increase in
the expenditure. The cost of the de-
fence of the coasts and colonies is es-
timated at 120,000,000 francs, spread
over two and a half years. This sum
will be provided for by 50,000,000
francs annually, set aside to pay off
certain bonds, and which become free
this year by the final repayment of
these bonds. Already the press de-
nounces the scheme as "inadequate."

GERMAN MAIL STEAMER AGROUND.

Name of the Vessel Not Yet Obtained—
War Position Reported.

London, Dec. 30.—A large German
mail steamer, whose name has not
yet been ascertained, has gone
aground during a terrific gale in East
Bay, about a quarter of a mile off
Dungeness, the southern extremity of
Kent. Heavy seas are breaking over
the vessel, and the lifeboats are un-
able to reach her. Fears are enter-
tained for the safety of the passen-
gers. It is believed that the ground-
ed steamer is one of the Hamburg-
American liners. It is reported that
the position of the liner is very seri-
ous.

Could Not Pass Through Gullies.

Pretoria, Dec. 28.—James Gully and
William Scott, arrested last week in God-
win and probably implicated in the
murder of the transvaal, were a few weeks ago
waived bond here on Saturday, and came
up for examination to-day. Two parties
from the transvaal were in the town on
the day of the murder, but the identifica-
tion so far has not been thought sufficient
to warrant the sending them down for
trial. They have been remanded for a
week.

A Financial Panic in Venezuela.
Caracas, Venezuela, Dec. 28.—The refusal
of the Bank of Venezuela to issue a
bank note, because of the situation in the
country, has caused a financial crisis here.
Today the bank agreed to receive
him and the panic ceased.

New Vessel Found.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—The Johnson
line steamer Dora arrived here this afternoon.
It is believed that the grounded
steamer, reported having seen an un-
derwater mine, was the Dora.

The Hernandez revolution can be
said to be ended. Hernandez is flee-
ing with 200 men to the Colombian
border. The Venezuelan Govern-
ment troops, and the Minister of
War, Gen. Pulido, are back at Car-
acas.

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